

LICENSED MIDWIVES
Applying to become a provider with the Health Care Authority

Instructions: Please mark all boxes that apply:

**[] Are you applying to provide antepartum and postpartum care only ?
(no deliveries)**

[] Are you applying to become a Birthing Center Provider ?

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) covers births in agency approved birthing centers located in the State of Washington only, Birthing Centers located out of state are not allowed because they are not licensed by Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Birth Center services are only for eligible clients who pass risk screening criteria and are expected to deliver the child vaginally and without complications.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-533-600 (2), (5), and (6) states the following:

Midwives providing services in a HCA approved birthing center must:

- Have a signed Core Provider Agreement with HCA ([Servicing only providers who are working for a Group Practice that currently has a signed Core Provider Agreement, are not required to sign an individual Core Provider Agreement](#))
- Be licensed in the state of Washington as a midwife under Chapter 18.50 RCW
- Have evidence of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training for both adult and neonatal resuscitation
- Have current and written plan for medical consultation in the case of emergency transfers and transport of the client and/or newborn to a hospital
- Obtain from the client a signed Informed Consent
- Follow the department's Risk Screening Guidelines and consult with/and or refer the client or newborn to a physician or hospital when medically appropriate
- Make appropriate referral of the newborn for pediatric care and medically necessary follow up care
- Inform parents of the benefits of a newborn screening test and offer to send the newborn's blood sample to the DOH for testing. Parents may refuse this service. The provider must pay the DOH for the cost of the tests and then bill the agency for reimbursement.

Please refer to the Planned Home Births and Birthing Centers Medical Providers Guide (MPG) for complete instructions and additional information about the program which is

available on the HRSA website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/>. The list of approved birthing centers is listed under "Important Contacts" section of the MPG. Please indicate the HCA approved birthing centers and/or hospitals you may be using:

Facility/Hospital, address, and NPI (if available):

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

[] Are you applying to become a HCA approved Home Birth Provider?

To apply for approval as a home birth provider, fax the following information to the Planned Home Birth & Birthing Centers Program Manager:

- Copy of your current plan for medical consultation, emergency transfer/transport form.
- Copy of your informed consent form.
- Name of your HCA approved back up home birth provider(s) and NPI.
- Name of the quality review organization that you will participate in doing quality reviews.
- Copy of your current Midwife license & NPI number.
- Copy of your current Adult and Neonatal CPR/resuscitation certification.
- A statement that you will follow the risk screening guidelines, use consultations, and make referrals as medically appropriate.

Please print your

Name: _____ **NPI:** _____

Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____

If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Program Manager or Provider Enrollment:

Program Manager: Nancy Hite, ASN, MSBM
(360) 725-1611
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Provider Enrollment: 1-800-562-3022 ext 16137